camps, to take record boxes every evening and the clerks and other persons who are travelling with these officers. This was a thing not contemplated earlier. The Ministers were appointed later in the year. It could not, therefore, be anticipated. I therefore request that this amount may be sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the services of the files and boxes to be carried to the Ministers whenever they are on Camp?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The peons have to take boxes, some times special messages, and some times single files have to be taken for urgent orders and all these were not anticipated at that time and this is a small amount.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Why they are put under "Travelling Allowance of Officers of the Secretariat"?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government):* It is under that head this item is included.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am not moving the cut.

Mr. President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 4,000 be granted under "16-1—Huzur Secretariat—Travelling Allowance of the Officers of the Secretariat".

Demand put and carried

63. 16-4—Legislative Council

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 285 under "16-4—Legislative Council—Bonus to Reporters". There was a longer period of sitting in the last budget session. The Reporters who were called had to be paid for these days and a larger number had to be called for at times. The amount that we provided was insufficient and so this small amount is to cover that amount.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want only to get some information.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* There are persons who are reporters. They are not paid bonus. Some stenographers are called for from other offices. They alone, are paid bonus. Those who are permanent reporters are not sufficient for the work. Those who are called for from other offices are paid Rs. 5 per day.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* And the permanent reporters?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The permanent hands are not paid bonus.

CUT MOTION No. 4

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* To make a suggestion I move this cut motion. Sir, it is stated that the reporters or stenographers invited from other offices for doing work here during the Council sitting alone are given the bonus and the amount is Rs. 5. What follows after the reporting? I have to say one word about it. The reporting was very bad in the early days. It improved slightly later. It has shown a further progressive trend coming closer still. Still anywhere near perfection is not reached. It is my honest conviction Sir, that this reporting of Council Proceedings is a matter which has to be more seriously looked into. I do not know whether all the Hon'ble Members here are aware of the fact that the Proceedings of the House of Commons that sat to-day, this evening and night, will be available at 6'o'clock to morrow. The publication is available. Of course, we cannot dream of it, although it may be made possible, but I don't want to reach this position all on a sudden. But I want to see that the Proceedings of this House are printed as early as possible, not for the pleasure of reading our own speeches, but for purposes for which these reports are kept. There is no use of getting the reports of the Proceedings of this meeting many months afterwards. I am not complaining. There is an improvement in that line also. It is not enough if the printed Proceedings reach our hands so many days after the sitting. It must be earlier, because one who wants to discharge his duties by his constituents will have to make a reference to what has taken place during the Meenam session to prepare himself to do good for the people at times by sending up painful questions to the Government, not to pain them, but to see that they do not blunder. Have you seen the effect, Sir, of a pointed question reaching the tables of the authorities when they are on the verge of doing something stupendously bad? It produces a marvellous effect. The hand that was about to make an order will put down the pen, saying, no, no, the news have

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (cont.)

gone out, it has reached the ears of the public, after all are we not the servants of the public—most obedient servants you subscribe yourselves, but the most autocratic lords you behave. Still, this question reached in time produces this marvellous effect. After all, are you not a Cochinite? Is it not from a Cochinite that this question comes, and is it not on behalf of the other Cochinites that the question is brought. That is only one instance of the necessity of getting these proceedings much earlier than we get it, although for the present two or three session meetings the practice is much better than what it was before. But that is not enough. And what is the cause of this delay. The reporters do not put forth their maximum—I am not blaming them—they are not given the necessary incentive to put forth the maximum. The bonus must have been decided to be given to them as an incentive for good work to be done very carefully, to be done with a strain because certain persons may go at electric speed when they are speaking and when heckling is going on to make up he has to play different methods, they have to be the victims of all the caprices of the speaker then speaking. Therefore, their work is not anything to be light heartedly looked at. Therefore, they must be encouraged, a better bonus must be given to them, not only in their interest, more in our interest, because we want the proceedings. There are a thousand and one ways of improvements to be effected in the secretarial side of this House, which I am sure our first elected President will very soon look into and we shall have a better reporting, a quicker reporting, and a better secretarial arrangement and the minimum needs that are required—not the comforts of the Hon'ble Ministers—but the very minimum needs of the Members, I hope, Sir will be provided before the Budget Session and the bonus will be increased. If the Government is not pleased to do that—don't take it as a threat—if the Government do not in their reply inform the House that this is a proposition which will be seriously looked into and given effect to before the Budget Session, such a promise or such a gesture is not given, in spite of the fact that I may be the solitary individual for the motion, I will press the cut to a division—I am not afraid of being a solitary individual, I have stood it many a time, and I will continue to be so. That is not the point. Let the Hon'ble Chief Secretary be pleased to react properly to the suggestion that is contained in this cut motion.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: What should be the bonus?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Please don't appoint a committee, but exercise your mind.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: The daily allowance to the Members is only Rs. 6. Daily allowance to the Hon'ble Members is Rs. 6 and to first class officers also only Rs. 6 is given as T. A. These Reporters are given Rs. 5 as bonus in addition to their salary. If this is too low, I don't know what more should be done. If the Legislative Council Members are insulted by giving them only Rs. 6 as daily allowance, that is no excuse, I have seen the Reporters working late at night. We are also working late.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Yes, I have seen the Secretariat Staff also working during night. Do you say Sir, that Rs. 5 bonus given to them is in any way near to what ought to be paid to them and is it an excuse that the Hon'ble Members of this House are given only Rs. 6. I suggest that they be paid properly. I am not here to give any suggestions. The Secretariat Staff is heavily paid for doing the necessary things. I am not going to give any suggestions. Let them be munificently rewarded. That is the proposition. Please try to respond.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: We shall consider.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ഒന്നാമത്തെ മന്ത്രിയുടെ ഉപദേശം അനുസരിച്ച് നോക്കാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതുകൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ ഇതിൽനിന്നു ഒഴിയുവാൻ, ഭാവമില്ല. അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമായിട്ടുള്ള ഈ സംഗതി അതർഹിക്കുന്ന ഗൌരവംകാണിക്കാതെ, ഹാസ്യരസത്തിൽ പ്രഹരിച്ചതുകൂടി മഹാപടി പറഞ്ഞാൽ ഞാൻ ഇതിൽനിന്നു ഒഴിയുവാൻ ഭാവമില്ല. ഇത് നിങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോയെന്നു പരീക്ഷിക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം പ്രസ്സുചെയ്യുന്നു.

Mr. President: The question is that the demand for Rs. 285 under "16-4-Legislative Council—Bonus to Reporters—be Reduced by Re. 1".

Motion put and lost

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Mr. President : The question is that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 285 under "16-4-Legislative Council—Bonus to Reporters" as additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

64. 16-4-Legislative Council

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I move that a sum of Rs. 3,055 be granted under "16-4-Legislative Council—Consolidated Allowance" to Non-official Members. The objects of the demand are explained in the printed note given to the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the House may be pleased to allow the grant.

CUT MOTION No. 5

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I move, Sir, that the demand for Rs. 3,055 under "16-4-Legislative Council—Consolidated Allowance to Non-official Members" be reduced by Re. 1. The object of the motion is to advise the Government regarding the necessity for having the meeting of the Council at shorter intervals than now and with greater number of days for each meeting. Now Sir, it is well known that we have got one Budget Session of about 11 or 12 days and the Legislative Session consisting of 3 meetings of 5 days each, on the whole 15 days. So the work that is expected from the Legislative Council is transacted during a period of 27 days and as far as the Budget Session is concerned open the Proceedings Book of any Budget Session you will find, Sir, that many a demand, very very important demand fall under the guillotine. There is no time for discussions, cut motions innumerable are all guillotined and more than 25 demands are put to vote on the last day and then after that demand the Budget demand is passed. The first Legislative Council meets four months hence. There will be equally large number of supplementary demands under most of the guillotined Departments. Astute members of this House as was seen today will begin to quote chapters and words and say that this is a demand which has been allowed by the House because so and so has ruled in such and such a place and therefore this shall not be discussed, and only the financial aspect of it be looked into. That will be done, if it is a case of a Budget demand being passed after a discussion proper; that you and I guillotined for the reason that necessary number of days are not allotted propriety of such arguments lose face. You have to be realistic. You have to understand in what environment you are; therefore to obviate all these difficulties the Budget Session has to be lengthened by many days because what is expected of the Hon'ble Members of this House is to do justice to the cause for which they are sent here and therefore it is not our fault that the guillotine falls on many a demand; it is not our fault. Probably, if one is interested in making speeches, it may be said that it is your fault because you took longer time on discussions on earlier demand. Open the Proceedings book. You will find in the category of unnecessary lengthly remarks of the "avalokanamanthri". It depends upon the angle of vision. I find Sir, as a result of this, there is crying necessity for having more days. Considered from my own stand-point I should be the last person to ask for it on personal grounds, but a sense of responsibility compels me to inform the House that the Budget Session must be prolonged by longer days and the others by a few days as you will have the necessity to do this time. My respectful submission therefore, is that it is not only enough that the number of days of each meeting is extended but the interval between meeting and meeting be shortened. Discussion, you know, produces good results. Therefore, shorten the intervals, lengthen the number of days. That is it. We will see whether you accept it.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I don't think this can form the subject matter of a cut motion. It is a question of policy. It is not possible, therefore, to say whether the number of days can be extended.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I have placed the matter before the House, but I have no objection to withdraw the motion if the House allows me to do so.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Mr. President: The question is that a sum of Rs. 3,055 under "16-4-Legislative Council —Consolidated Allowance to Non-official Members" be granted to Government.

Demand put and carried

65. 16-4-Legislative Council

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretaay to Government):* I move that an additional allotment of Rs. 111 under "16-4-Legislative Council—Miscellaneous" be granted to Government.

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